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SUBJECT: EC AND POSSIBLE ECONOMIC SUMMIT

1. AMBASSADOR HAS DISCUSSED WITH UK PERMREP SIR DONALD MAITLAND STATUS OF THINKING WITHIN COMMUNITY CONCERNING POSSIBLE ECONOMIC SUMMIT. MAITLAND MAINTAINS THAT ISSUE OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION PER SE AT POSSIBLE ECONOMIC SUMMIT WAS NOT CONSIDERED BY HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AT THE HAGUE. HE POINTS OUT, HOWEVER, THAT AS ONE RESULT OF PUERTO RICO FIASCO EACH OF THE NINE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IS COMMITTED, IF IT RECEIVES AN INVITATION TO ANOTHER SUCH MEETING, TO CONSULT WITH THE NINE BEFORE FORMALLY REPLYING. HE RECOGNIZED THAT RECENT STATEMENTS OF GISCARD DO NOT REFLECT THIS COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITMENT BUT HE BELIEVES FRENCH WOULD FOLLOW IT IN ANY CASE. (PROPOSAL THAT SUMMIT FOLLOW NEXT MEETING OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL HAS BEEN CITED BY OTHER OBSERVERS AS EVIDENCE OF SUCH INTENT.)

2. MAITLAND THOUGHT THAT IN PRACTICE FACT THAT UK RATHER  
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THAN SMALL COUNTRY WOULD OCCUPY PRESIDENCY WOULD FACILITATE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION, I.E., CALLAGHAN WOULD WEAR BOTH UK AND COMMUNITY HAT. WHILE SMALL COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR WOULD ALSO WISH COMMISSION PRESIDENT TO BE PRESENT, MAITLAND SEEMED TO SHOW SOME HESITATION, NOT BY EXPLICITLY REULING COMMISSION OUT, BUT RATHER BY SAYING THAT THORNE IN OVER-REACTING IN

PRE-PUERTO RICO PERIOD HAD LOST COMMISSION CHANCE TO ESTABLISH  
PRECEDENT.

3. COMMENT: THE ISSUE OF WHETHER AND, IF SO HOW, THE  
COMMUNITY AS SUCH MIGHT BE REPRESENTED IN FUTURE SUMMITS IS  
EXTREMELY SENSITIVE OVER HERE AND ASSUMING THERE WILL BE ANOTHER  
SUMMIT THE NEW PRESIDENT'S ACTIONS IN THIS MATTER, REGARDLESS  
OF RHETORIC, WILL BELEGARDED AS ONE LITMUS TEST OF HIS  
FUTURE POLICY TOWARD EUROPE. WHILE WE CANNOT FULLY CONTROL  
THE OUTCOME OF COMMUNITY CONSIDERATION OF THE REPRESENTATION  
ISSUE, WE SHOULD LET IT BE KNOWN EARLY ON (PREFERABLY TO EACH  
OF THE NINE AND TO THE COMMISSION) THAT A ROR  
A COMMUNITY PRESENCE, HOWEVER THEY ARRANGEUAND WOULD WELCOME  
ATTENDANCE BY COMMISSION PRESIDENT ROY JENKINS. HINTON

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